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Mr. W. C. Norem  
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Dear Mr. Norem:

In a letter dated February 22, 1983, to Governor Edwin Martinez, you stated that the success of revegetation at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine "shall be determined when the weighted average for basal cover and production on the reclaimed acreage equals or exceeds 70 percent of the weighted average for basal cover and production on comparable reference sites on undisturbed lands within the former lease areas."

The selection of the 70 percent comparability value has raised substantial concern among specialists in mine revegetation. Most specialists believe that a 90 percent comparability would be more reasonable. However, we will evaluate your proposal, and judge it on its technical merits. In order to fully evaluate your proposal, I must be provided with very specific data and discussion, which shows the rationale behind choosing the 70 percent comparability value. Please submit this information as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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EIS Task Force Leader

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